

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL & REGULAR MEETING

Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238
Monday, July 14, 2014

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14th day of July, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, LEON VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE LEON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Call to order.

Mayor Riley called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Riley asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of City Council were present: Councilman Ricardo Ruiz, Carmen Sanchez, Abraham Diaz, Benny Martinez and Paul Biever.

Also in attendance were:

Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board Members – Dr. Georgia Zannaras, Mike McCarley, Rudy Garcia and Joe Sanchez.

Leon Valley Chamber of Commerce Board Members – Joe Maldonado, Gail Tribble and Benny Martinez.

City Manager Manuel Longoria, Jr., City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue, Human Resources Director Crystal Caldera, Economic Development Director Claudia Mora were also present.

Possible items for discussion:

- **Summary of the LVEDC Funded Projects**
- **Aquarium Project**
- **Economic Development Strategic Plan**
- **“Downtown Leon Valley” (Town Center)**

Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Staff Liaison Claudia Mora began the discussion on LVEDC Funded Projects. Ms. Mora spoke on two categories the first being a summary of the project funding which are items already voted on and agreed upon being funded as an economic development project. Ms. Mora reported that over 50%, or approximately \$90,874, EDC Project funding has been expended specifically for economic development projects. The second category is a summary of contributions and sponsorships which are items the LVEDC either agreed to pay for in order to carry out economic development or to assist in trying to stimulate economic development. Ms. Mora's report indicated that \$86,538 has been expended from these funds. Most recent expenditures include a 2013 Town Hall Meeting, a co-sponsorship of the July 4th Celebration, and the upcoming Jazz Festival. In all, \$177,112 has been expended or approved to be expended from the LVEDC. Councilman Biever asked about The Retail Coach which Ms. Mora replied that would be under “contractual” to help pay for a specific projects. Mayor Riley added that the City Council also contributed \$30,000 bringing the total project to \$60,000 for funding of the Buxton Report.

Ms. Mora went on to briefly report on a proposed aquarium project which is like the State Aquarium in Corpus Christi. We are in competition for this project which would definitely put Leon Valley on the map. Negotiations are pending but if all goes well, the target date for opening would be December 1, 2014.

Ms. Mora continued her presentation going on to the topic of the Economic Development Strategic Plan is something that the LVEDC has wanted to do for some time. At the last LVEDC meeting, a Strategic Plan Committee was formed. It will be headed by LVEDC Board Secretary Dave Gannon and include members Dr. Georgia Zannaras and Joe Sanchez, Jr. This committee will meet for the first time on Tuesday, July 22nd where they will be looking at the mission statement, goals and objectives and any other strategic planning items. Once these areas have been reviewed, the committee will take their recommendations to the LVEDC where they will discuss and consider approving. Once the LVEDC has approved these recommendations they will be brought forward to the City Council at a public meeting.

Ms. Mora concluded this evening's presentation with a discussion on the "Downtown Leon Valley" or *Town Center* suggesting that a new name for the project be selected to put a more positive spin on the potential concept. This suggestion was followed by a group discussion. City Manager Longoria said that more than likely there will be a joint executive session to discuss this item further at the August Council meeting.

Mayor Riley thanked everyone for attending and suggested that this group meet quarterly.

Adjournment

Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Riley asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of City Council were present: Councilman Ricardo Ruiz, Carmen Sanchez, Abraham Diaz, Benny Martinez and Paul Bieber.

City Manager Manuel Longoria, Jr., City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue, Human Resources Director Crystal Caldera, Finance Director Vickie Wallace, Fire Chief Luis Valdez, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Lawson, Police Chief Randall Wallace, Economic Development Director Claudia Mora, Director of Public Works Melinda Moritz and Assistant Public Works Director David Dimaline were also present.

Mayor Riley requested that Leon Valley Fire Department Captain Blake Wade lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certificate of Valor presentation to Leon Valley Captain Blake Wade, and Firefighters Rick Sanchez, Kory Paulini, Sam Nevils, Moises Soliz and Mike Dizzine of the Leon Valley Fire Department.

Fire Chief Luis Valdez presented this item with a Power Point presentation showing the scene of a high water rescue performed during a heavy rain on June 12th on Poss Road. Chief Valdez presented each firefighter with a Commendation Bar and Mayor Riley presented them with a Certificate of Valor.

Those honored this evening were Leon Valley Firefighters Rick Sanchez, Kory Paulini, Sam Nevils, Moises Soliz, Mike Dizzine and Captain Blake Wade. Captain Wade also thanked the City of Leon Valley, the City Council, Chief Valdez, Assistant Chief Lawson and Lieutenant Jimmy Garcia.

Mayor Riley also thanked the families of these firefighters for their sacrifice.

"Good Neighbor Award" presentation to volunteers of the July 4th Celebration.

Mayor Riley presented Councilman Bieber and Councilman Ruiz with a Good Neighbor Award; The Mayor also mentioned Community Development Director Kristie Flores and her Administrative Assistant Sylvia Irwin, along with all city staff for a fantastic July 4th Celebration.

Councilman Abraham Diaz passed on "Congratulations" on behalf of the San Antonio Fire Department. Assistant Chief for a job well done during the high water rescue on June 12th.

Citizens to Be Heard

- Lyn Joseph – 6423 Trotter Ln. – announced that she represents an organized group of citizens who are against the proposed Hike & Bike Trail. She will be presenting a signed petition to the August City Council meeting to have this issue placed on the November election ballot. She asked that this be placed on the August City Council agenda. Ms. Joseph also requests that City Council create an oversight committee to oversee the City Manager's spending.
- Estela Gosset – 7207 Poss Rd. – spoke about code violations at 7203 Poss Road that should have been addressed by a ten day letter that was sent by the City. Ms. Gosset expressed concerns to the Council that the home owner has verbally abused City staff as well as herself; stated that this address is a health and safety concern; there is animal abuse; an inoperable vehicle; stonewalling of the open records act; and a fire hazard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of City Council Minutes. (S. Passailaigue)

- a) June 07, 2014 Council Retreat Meeting with Attachment
- b) June 09, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting
- c) June 14, 2014 Coffee with the Mayor & Council
- d) June 30, 2014 Special City Council Meeting

Consideration of Resolution No. 14-012R affirming the June 30, 2014 re-appointment of Mike McCauley, Claude Guerra and Dr. Georgia Zannaras to the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation for a term effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2015. M&C 2014-07-14-02 (S. Passailaigue)

Consideration of Resolution No. 14-013R authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Electric Line Right of Way Agreement with CPS Energy along 6300 El Verde Road. M&C 2014-07-14-03 (M. Moritz)

Consideration of Resolution No. 14-014R appointing Jack Dean to the Bond Oversight Committee. M&C 2014-07-14-04 (Councilmember Diaz ,Councilmember Biever)

Consideration of Resolution No. 14-015R reappointing members to the Zoning Commission. M&C 2014-07-14-05 (S. Passailaigue)

A motion was made by Councilman Paul Biever, seconded by Councilman Abraham Diaz, to approve Consent Agenda Items #5 (City Council Minutes – 6/7/14, 6/9/14, 6/14/14, and 6/30/14), #6 (Resolution No. 14-012R), #7 (Resolution No. 14-013R), #8 (Resolution No. 14-014R), and #9 (Resolution No. 14-015R) as presented. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consideration and direction to City Staff to participate in a partnership with State Representative Justin Rodriguez to conduct a "Movies at Rimkus Park" event. M&C 2014-07-14-06 (Councilmember Ruiz, Councilman Biever)

Councilman Ricardo Ruiz presented this item that was brought to him as a request for consideration by State Representative Justin Rodriguez which would be a great opportunity to bring the community together. This would hopefully become an annual event with the City paying half of the cost of the movie rental fee as well as licensing costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Ricardo Ruiz, seconded by Councilman Benny Martinez, to give the City Manager direction to move forward with a maximum cost to the City of \$500.00. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Consideration of an Investment Policy for the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) as recommended by the LVEDC Board. M&C 2014-07-14-07 (C. Mora)

Economic Development Director Claudia Mora presented this item. The purpose of this M&C is to support the adoption of the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Investment Policy and Strategy and the designation of the LVEDC Board President, Vice President and Treasurer as Investment Officers, as adopted by LVEDC Resolution #2014-0021 by the LVEDC at their regular monthly Board of Directors meeting on June 25th.

The LVEDC's policy is modeled after the City of Leon Valley's Investment Policy and Strategy. It was reviewed by Linda Patterson of Patterson & Associates, the financial advisors to the LVEDC. The policy outlines the practice and procedures the LVEDC will take to ensure safe investment of the public funds collected by the 1/8 of one percent sales tax.

The Public Funds Investment Act requires that the governing body of an investment entity approve by order, ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, an investment strategy and policy regarding the investment of its funds, as well as the designation of Investment officers. The LVEDC Board of Directors adopted such by resolution on June 25th. The LVEDC Board of Directors seeks ratification by the City Council via ordinance.

All quarterly reports and annual review regarding the investment policy and strategy will be forwarded to the City Council after the LVEDC Board of Directors has received and accepted the reports and review from the designated Investment Officers and staff.

This item supports the approved Strategic Goals for 2013-2014. Specifically:

Goal 1. Align City Resources to meet City Council Objectives/Expectations

Goal 3. Strengthen Communications to the Community

Goal 5. Establish Organization Culture to Spur Economic Development

A motion was made by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, seconded by Councilman Abraham Diaz, to approve the Investment Policy for the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation as recommended by the LVEDC Board. Councilman Abraham Diaz then withdrew his second to the motion. There being no second to the motion, the motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, seconded by Councilman Abraham Diaz, to improve the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Investment Policy and Strategy and the designation of the LVEDC Board President, Vice President and Treasurer as Investment Officers, as adopted by LVEDC Resolution #2014-0021 by the LVEDC. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 14-013 creating and appointing members to the Leon Valley Home Rule Commission. M&C 2014-07-14-08

A motion was made by Councilman Benny Martinez, seconded by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, to amend last month's motion to allow the Mayor two (2) Alternate appointments to the Home Rule Commission.

Mayor Riley then called for a call vote to which the City Council replied: Councilman Ruiz – Nay; Councilman Sanchez – Aye; Councilman Diaz – Nay; Councilman Martinez – Aye; and Councilman Biever – Nay.

The City Council voted two (2) for and three (3) opposed with Councilman Ruiz, Councilman Diaz and Councilman Biever casting the negative votes. Mayor Riley announced that the motion had failed.

Mayor Riley asked each member of Council to name their appointment beginning with Place 1 as follows:

Council Place 1- Ricardo Ruiz: appointed Rudy Garcia and Arthur "Art" Reyna

Council Place 2 – Carmen Sanchez: appointed David Jordan and Darby Riley

Council Place 3 – Abraham Diaz: appointed Al Uvietta and Mike McCarley

Council Place 4 – Benny Martinez: appointed Manuel Rubio and Kathy Hill

Council Place 5 – Paul K. Biever: appointed Victor Rodriguez and Jack Dean

Mayor Chris Riley – appointed Liz Maloy

A motion was made by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, seconded by Councilman Abraham Diaz, to adopt Ordinance No. 14-013 with the appointees. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution No. 14-017R amending the City Council Code of Conduct Policy. M&C 2014-07-14-09 (Councilmember Sanchez, Councilmember Diaz)

Councilman Carmen Sanchez and Councilman Abraham Diaz presented their draft amendments to the City's current City Council Code of Conduct Policy. Mayor Chris Riley and Councilman Paul Bieber then presented their suggested amendments. This was followed by discussion.

Mayor Riley then called up citizens who had signed up to speak on this item.

- Liz Maloy – 2411 Chenal Pt. – Ms. Maloy first expressed her appreciation for the City Council and City Attorney moving forward to begin creating a Home Rule Charter. Ms. Maloy then expressed her concerns regarding the draft amendment to the Council Code of Conduct. Particularly the section on the length of time a citizen is allowed to speak and was in support of Mayor Riley's suggested time limitation.

A motion was made by Councilman Abraham Diaz, seconded by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, to adopt Resolution No. 14-013R with the following amendments: Item #8 – striking the word "or" and adding "and the City Manager". Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Benny Martinez, seconded by Councilman Carmen Sanchez, to amend Councilman Abraham Diaz' motion and add that Item #4 – read that "All ceremonial items and informational presentations, if any, will be placed at 7:00 p.m. of scheduled business meetings. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Paul Bieber, seconded by Councilman Ricardo Ruiz, to direct City staff to bring back an ordinance for consideration at the next Council meeting on August 11th a policy item considering approved or rejected by the City Council through resolution, ordinance or general direction to City staff at a City Council meeting may not be reconsidered or placed upon a Council agenda for further discussion for a period of one (1) year unless a City Council super-majority consisting of four (4) members agree to place the item on the agenda. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed with Councilman Benny Martinez casting the negative vote. Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution No. 14-018R authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Tero Technologies and Entech Sales & Service, Inc. for the purpose of technological infrastructure and cabling in the new Fire Station and Municipal Facilities. M&C 2014-7-14-10 (M. Moritz)

Prior to Public Works Director Melinda Moritz presenting the item, Mayor Riley, on behalf of the City Council, expressed appreciation to Ms. Moritz and all of the Public Works Department Staff for all of their hard work for the July 4th Celebration.

Public Works Director Melinda Moritz informed the Council and guests that the purpose of this item is to authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with Entech, Inc. and Tero Technologies, Inc., for the construction of technology infrastructure at the new fire station and for the renovated City Hall complex.

In October 2013, Elert & Associates was contracted to provide Technology Construction Consulting Services to develop plans, specifications, and Requests for Proposals for the construction of the technology infrastructure at the new fire station and for the renovated City Hall complex. The Requests for Proposals were received on April 16, 2014, and were reviewed. The recommendations from this review were presented to the Bond Oversight Committee on May 22, 2014, and then presented to the City Council on June 9, 2014. Entech, Inc. was selected to provide the Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) and Tero Technologies was selected to provide network and UPS systems.

A budget adjustment in the amount of \$207,770 for these services was authorized by the City Council at the June 9, 2014 regular City Council meeting. Ms. Moritz added that the funds for this project will not come from the original bond but instead will come from moving funds from the General Fund Sales Tax windfall, the Police Seizure Fund, the Community Center Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund, and the CIED Fund. This transfer of funds was previously approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Abraham Diaz, seconded by Councilman Paul Bieber, to authorize the City Manager by ordinance to enter into technological infrastructure construction contracts with Entech, Inc. and Tero Technologies for construction services for the new fire station and for the renovated City Hall complex. Upon a unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Benny Martinez to amend Councilman Abraham Diaz' previous motion and have the Mayor sign the contracts instead of the City Manager. There being no second made to the motion, the motion failed.

A motion was then made by Councilman Benny Martinez to amend to his previous motion to have the City Manager and the Mayor sign the contracts. Councilman Carmen Sanchez seconded the motion.

Mayor Riley then called for a call vote to which the City Council replied: Councilman Ruiz – Nay; Councilman Sanchez – Aye; Councilman Diaz – Nay; Councilman Martinez – Aye; and Councilman Bieber – Nay.

The City Council voted two (2) for and three (3) opposed with Councilman Ruiz, Councilman Diaz and Councilman Bieber casting the negative votes. Mayor Riley announced that the motion had failed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Discussion on a policy regarding the installation of Speed Bumps for traffic control M&C 2014-07-14-11 (L. Valdez)

Fire Chief Luis Valdez presented the item for City Council consideration to approve a recommended policy that provides rules for the installation of speed humps. This policy would also provide general procedures to request speed humps, guidelines for eligibility, installation and design requirements.

Mayor Riley suggested that Chief Valdez consider increasing the petition requirement to 75% and asked that he look into having the residents pay for the speed bump; which cost six-thousand dollars \$6,000 each.

Councilman Abraham Diaz asked that staff look into the streets that are narrow and see how those streets would meet the traffic count stated in the policy. Could there be an exception for these narrow streets such as Hodges. Councilman Diaz asked that Chief Valdez look into that and bring back options A, B, C.

Councilman Paul Bieber echoed Councilman Diaz' concerns about Hodges and other streets in that area, and a need for exceptions as well as citizen input.

Councilman Benny Martinez asked that there be a policy that if a street does not meet the criteria that the majority of the property owners can petition and request the speed bumps. The City can bill the citizens through their water bill as a line item. Chief Valdez said it was a Council decision to do so.

Mayor asked Chief to bring back an update next month.

Presentation and discussion on establishing City Council Sub-Committees to implement City Council goals and objectives M&C 2014-07-14-12 (M. Longoria)

City Manager Manuel Longoria, Jr. presented this item with the purpose of establishing formal City Council Sub-Committees to implement the Goals & Objectives identified in the City Council/City Manager Retreat. The leadership agenda for the City of Leon Valley was developed at the annual City Council/City Manager retreat held Saturday, June 7, 2014. At this retreat, three areas of focus were established for the period from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. The focus areas include: Economic Development/Re-development; Customer

Service/Communications; and Infrastructure; and additional issues were relegated to a "Parking Lot" or Policy Area.

Mr. Longoria suggested that the Branding Committee be dissolved since the group has completed the task they were given and that this committee evolves into an Economic Development/Redevelopment Committee.

Mr. Longoria then suggested that the current Communications Committee evolve into the Customer Service/Communications Committee.

Lastly, Mr. Longoria suggested that the Festival Committee evolve into the existing Community Events Committee.

If City Council concurs with these recommendations, City Council will need to appoint members as follows:

- City Council Economic Development/Redevelopment Sub-Committee: Two Councilmembers
- City Council Customer Service/Communications Sub-Committee : Two Councilmembers
- City Council Infrastructure Sub-Committee: Two Councilmembers
- City Council Policy Sub-Committee: Mayor, plus two Councilmembers
- Community Events Committee: One Councilmember

Mayor Riley asked that the members of Council inform the City Secretary of what sub-committees they would like to serve on and to prioritize them. Appointments will be made at the August Council meeting.

Discussion on a proposed date change for the Coffee with the Mayor and Council. M&C 2014-07-14-13 (Councilmember Sanchez, Councilmember Diaz)

Councilman Carmen Sanchez presented a calendar with proposed dates to move the monthly Coffee with the Mayor & Council to the fourth Saturday of the month instead of the current second Saturday of the month. This would not conflict with the quarterly Walk in the Park with the Mayor. There was a consensus amongst the member of Council to approve of this change with the first Coffee under this schedule being held on Saturday, August 23, 2014.

Discussion regarding the Jazz Festival Management Agreement. M&C 2014-07-14-14 (Councilmember Martinez)

Councilman Benny Martinez presented this item asking for an update on the Jazz Festival Management Agreement and the allegations made by Mr. Anthony Tobias.

City Manager Longoria said that he has been working along with the Festival Sub-Committee and Community Development Director Kristie Flores. Mr. Longoria added that there is a contract with the Event Manager. The City's expectation all along is that the Event Manager would perform according to the contract.

Councilman Benny Martinez then asked that when a citizen speaks in citizens to be heard that the Council be notified of the follow up through weekly reports. City Manager Longoria said that staff is also limited in response to citizens during citizens to be heard and encouraged citizens to attend the monthly Coffee with the Mayor & Council where Council and staff are able to give responses to citizen concerns.

Discussion on calling a Special City Council Meeting to Review the Leon Valley Employee Compensation Study. M&C 2014-07-14-15 (Mayor Riley)

Mayor Riley asked that members of Council to consider a date and time for a Special meeting to go over the Leon Valley Employee Compensation Study. There was a consensus amongst the members of City Council to meet on July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. for a Special City Council Work Session to discuss the study results.

City Manager's Report

- a. **Capital Facilities Monthly Report**
- b. **TML 102nd Annual Conference and Exhibition September 2014**
- c. **Establishment of the Citizen Action Team**
- d. **Presentation of the 2014-15 Budget Calendar**
- e. **Status of the Tree USA Signs**
- f. **Update on Recycling Survey**
- g. **Monthly Departmental Reports**
- h. **Approved Minutes from Boards, Commission and Committees**
- i. **City Employee News and Updates**
- j. **Future Agenda Items:**
 - **Approval of the 2014 Strategic Plan Update**
 - **Amendment to the City Code regarding regulations of boarders, commercial businesses and vehicles in the R-1 Zoning Districts**

City Manager Longoria updated the City Council on the Municipal Facility Capital Expense Report saying that the total revenues are at \$7,368,806. Expenses to date are as follows: design fees \$383,728; fire department lots \$56,545; survey \$21,040; appraisal \$2,700; legal \$24,402; GeoTech \$31,607; data/security \$28,398; and construction \$1,051,583 bringing us to a total of \$1,600,004 which is 21.72% of the budgeted amount.

Mr. Longoria then reminded the City Council about TML's 102nd Annual Conference and Exhibition September 2014 and asked that each Councilmember notify staff of their intent to attend so arrangements can be made.

Mr. Longoria continued his report by announcing the implementation of the Citizen Action Team (CAT) will officially launch on Monday June 30, 2014. Citizens will be able to call 684-OnIt (6648), email, or submit a ticket on line under "We're On It!" This will allow residents to contact the City on non-emergency request, concerns, questions and/or complaints and have someone from the CAT follow-up with them to ensure customer satisfaction. We plan to let the residents know about the "On It" system by placing it on the marquee, Lion's Roar, social media, and passing info out at the four of July parade. As a reminder, The CAT team will be headed by the Human Resources Director Crystal Caldera and supported by City Secretary, Saundra Passailaigue, IT Specialist Stephen Fimbel, Administrative Assistant, Angela Trejo and Receptionist, Rene Raynes.

Next Mr. Longoria presented the budget calendar stating that this year the August 23rd Coffee with the Mayor and Council would be used as a Council work session with a presentation to the citizens.

Mr. Longoria announced that two of the TREE USA signs have been installed (1 on Huebner and 1 on Grissom). Staff is looking into purchasing a couple more signs to be posted.

Mr. Longoria informed the Council that the recycling survey is being drafted with the assistance of St. Mary's University's Dr. Art Vega for a contracted amount of \$2200. The target date to mail out the survey to citizen's city-wide in August.

Citizens to be Heard.

- Estela Gosset – 7207 Poss Rd. – spoke about code violations at 7203 Poss Road and how these violations have caused a decrease in her property value. Ms. Gosset asked that the City Manager look into the ten (10) day demand letter that was sent to the home owner as well as making sure it is enforced. Ms. Gosset also requests that the fire inspector look into the fire hazards that she feels are present at this address. She would also like the health and animal concerns addressed.
- Lyn Joseph – 6423 Trotter Ln. – requests that Chief Wallace look into the speeding vehicles at Canterfield and Evers. Ms. Joseph suggested "rumble strips" or speed humps.
- Olen Yarnell – 7230 Sulky Ln. – request that flooding on El Verde be on the next agenda for update. Mr. Uvietta also suggested that the Waste Management contract be re-written for households that want to opt out of the service.

Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members. At this time, reports about items of community interest, which no action will be taken may be given to the public as per Chapter 551.0415 of the Government Code, such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence, information regarding holiday schedules, reminders of social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by the governing body or that was or will be attended by a member of the Leon Valley City Council or a City official.

Mayor Riley announced that Councilman Diaz just celebrated a birthday and asked that everyone join her in wishing him a Happy Birthday, and a cake was presented to him.

Councilman Ricardo Ruiz thanked the staff for a fantastic July 4th Celebration.

Councilman Carmen Sanchez echoed Councilman Ricardo Ruiz' comment.

Councilman Abraham Diaz also thanked the staff as well as the Festival Committee and said he looks forward to the Jazz Festival. Councilman Diaz then thanked everyone for the birthday cake.

Councilman Benny Martinez also thanked everyone who participated in the July 4th Celebration.

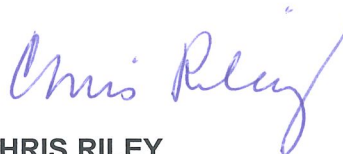
Councilman Paul Biever also thanked everyone and especially thanked Public Works staff for a speedy clean-up of the event.

Mayor Riley announced that KSAT and KONO have both showed an interest in participating in this event next year. Mayor Riley added that she was not finished with her draft amendment to the policy on boards and commission appointments but that she would get it to the City Secretary in time for the next Council meeting. Lastly, Mayor Riley voiced her concern on how much the City is paying for the electric bill at the Conference Center.

Adjournment

Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

APPROVED



**CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR**

ATTEST:



**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY**

